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SUBJ: CIVAIR: US-POLISH AVIATION CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. WARSAW 2318, B. STATE 069686

1. ON MARCH 20, EMBASSY'S E/C COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICER WHO REGULARLY HANDLES AVIATION MATTERS, MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, AND PRESENTED DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AS TRANSMITTED IN REF B. THE OVERALL REACTION OF THESE POLISH OFFICIALS WAS ONE OF SURPRISE AND CONCERN. THEIR COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC POINTS FOLLOW:

A) MATCHING FARE FILING. DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZYLYCZ OF CAA DESCRIBED THE POLISH NOTE DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 17 (REF A) AS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PAN AM'S TARIFF-PROPOSAL. HE SAID THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS, SUCH AS THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND STANDBY FARES, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE AMENDED BY PAN AM BEFORE GOP APPROVAL IS GRANTED. OTHERWISE, THE FARES PROPOSED BY PAN AM ARE SATISFACTORY AND WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE GOP. HE ADDED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD BE MEETING WITH PAN AM WARSAW REP BOCWINSKI ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 20 TO IRON OUT
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THE DIFFERENCES.

B) PAN AM FLIGHTS TO WARSAW VIA VIENNA WITHOUT FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. ALL THE OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS BEING DONE AND PROMISED OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22. LUKASIK OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADDED THAT VIENNA-WARSAW

FLIGHTS WITH FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN A "BROADER SENSE," THAT IS, LOT WOULD WANT TO RECEIVE ACCESS TO CHICAGO IN COMPENSATION.

C) PAN AM SALES QUOTA FOR 1977. HAMERSKI OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION SAID THE GOP HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS ACCOUNTING FOR THE 1977 CALENDAR YEAR. THEREFORE, LOT CANNOT CONFIRM OR DENY THAT PAN AM'S GUARANTEED SALES LEVEL HAS BEEN MET.

D) CHARTERS. DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZYLYCZ SAID THE CHARTER DEMAND IS NOT VERY HIGH AND THEREFORE THE QUESTION OF CHARTERS MAY BE MOOT. HE ALLEGED THE NEW LOW FARES MAY ELIMINATE MUCH OF THE DEMAND FOR CHARTERS. HAMERSKI ADDED THAT THE US-POLISH AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT DOES NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH CHARTERS AND CLAIMED POLAND HAS TAKEN A MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD US CHARTER APPLICATIONS THAN IT HAS FOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

2. VICE DIRECTOR BIALY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MADE THE OVERALL COMMENT THAT THE US IS OVER-REACTING TO THE POLISH PROPOSAL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID THE GOP IS WILLING TO MEET IN WASHINGTON EARLY IN APRIL. IT HAD REQUESTED THE DEALY ONLY TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE TOPICS ON THE AGENCA. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF THE GOP'S APPARENT READINESS TO AGREE TO PAN AM SERVICE TO WARSAW VIA VIENNA WITHOUT LOCAL TRAFFIC RIGHTS EFFECTIVE APRIL 29, DOES DEPARTMENT STILL WISH TO POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS UNTIL MAY? SCHAUFEELE

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